Recovery of dues by SAIL from Mid East Steel Company Ltd.

927. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR:
SHRI YERRA NARAYANASWAMY:

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether SAIL is to sue Mid East Steel Company Ltd., for recovery of Rs. 5.2 crore;

(b) whether bank guarantee and provision of interest payment was not included in MOU signed by SAIL in 1994;

(c) if so, the reasons thereof; and

(d) action proposed against the erring officials?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI DEVENDRA PRASAD YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir. SAIL has already filed a suit against Mid East Steel Company Ltd. for recovery of Rs. 5.2 crores.

(b) to (d) SAIL has intimated that provision of interest payment, for delay in payment beyond the interest-free credit period, was included in the MOU. However, considering the potential of sale volume and party's standing, they were exempted from submission of Bank Guarantee which is permissible as per the marketing policy of SAIL.

PSUs disputes under arbitration

928. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of disputes under arbitration in various public sector undertakings, undertaking-wise as on 31st March, 1996;

(b) the total number of cases decided during the year 1994-95 and awards implemented;

(c) whether backlog of arbitration cases and cases of outstanding disputed claims are mounting every year and have assumed serious proportions;

(d) whether the problem of settling outstanding disputes/claims expeditiously has been considered in all its aspects and a regular body of experts is proposed to be set up for speedy disposal of claims/cases; and

(e) the details of proposals under consideration/finalised?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) As on 31st March, 1996, in 25 cases of commercial disputes, arbitration proceedings were going on under arbitration of Permanent Machinery of Arbitration in Deptt. of Public Enterprise between various public sector undertakings. The undertaking-wise list is enclosed. (*See* below)

(b) During the year 1994-95, 7 number of dispute cases were finalised and awards were published.

(c) No Sir.

(d) and (e) At present there is no proposal to set up any other regular body of experts for settling the disputes between PSUs.

Statement

The Undertaking-wise list cases of commercial disputes in which arbitration proceedings were going on

Sl. No.	Name of the Parties
1.	National Buildings Construction Corporation Ltd. Vs Public Works Deptt. (Delhi Administration)
2.	National Buildings Construction Corporation Ltd. Vs Cement Corporation of India Ltd.
3.	National Buildings Construction Corporation Ltd. Vs Border Roads Development Board
4.	Heavy Engineering Corporation Ltd. Vs Northern Coalfields Limited
5.	Bharat Process & Mechanical Engineering Limited. Vs National Aluminium Company Limited.

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